(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a new policy to expel the Bangladeshi intruders staying illegally in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the new policy; and

(c) by when the new policy will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Bomb blasts in Cinema Halls in Delhi

†1006. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the incidents of bomb blasts recently in the Cinema Halls in Delhi;

(b) if so, the action taken so far by Government and the steps taken to prevent such incidents in future;

(c) whether such incidents have been reported from other parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for the safety?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police have so far arrested eight persons accused in the case and recovered 5.7 kg. of RDX, 23 detonators, one timer, one rifle, 90 round of live cartridges of rifle etc. The steps taken by Delhi Policy to prevent terrorist attacks, bomb blasts include sensitization of public through the print and electronic media; checking of vehicles, persons and baggage in crowded market places and places of entertainment; checking of guesthouses, hotels, religious places etc. in certain areas where terrorist elements could take shelter; checking of tenants, particularly in the new and developing areas; surprise checking of vehicles plying in the city and those arriving from J&K, Punjab etc. at Azadpur Mandi and Okhla Subzi Mandi; close interaction with the State and Central Police Organisations for exchange of information etc.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Incidents of violence including bomb IED blasts are reported from J&K, North Eastern States and Naxalite affected States. The steps taken by the Government in this regard include review of security arrangements from time to time ; sharing of intelligence information with the State Governments; strengthening of State Police Forces through the Police Modernisation Scheme and issue of advisories to State Governments for strengthening security at important religious shrines, vital installations, places of national importance etc.

Co-ordination with States

1007. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the co-ordination mechanism in vogue between the Centre and the States concerned while combating and containing terrorism, Naxalism and insurgency; and

(b) in this process whose responsibility is paramount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Maintenance of law and public order is basically the responsibility of the State Governments. However, keeping in view the threats to internal security posed by extremist groups, the Central Government has set up suitable mechanisms to monitor the situation and coordinate measures to counter the challenge. In this regard, the Central Government also supplements the efforts of the State Governments. The Central assistance includes intelligence sharing, deployment of CPMFs and modernization of the State Police Forces.

Talks with Naxal Groups

1008. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government's dialogues with the Naxalites had failed and Naxals utilized this opportunity to regroup and regain their strength;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the areas of operation of Naxal groups has grown rapidly over the past couple of years and this has been due to lack of co-ordination among the States and Centre;